THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government is considering to widen 6500 km. length of National Highways to six-lanes on Build Operate and Transfer Basis under National Highways Development Project (Phase-V) at a cost of Rs. 22,750 crore. This would include the entire length of 5846 km. of Golden Quadrilateral and some other stretches to be selected. The proposal is under discussion with the Planning Commission and as such, it is too early to give the details.

Road development in Bangalore

2536. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are examining the proposal submitted by the State for undertaking road development works in Bangalore city;

(b) whether there is any proposal of building a four-lane Highways between Bijapur and Hospet; and

(c) what is the status of the proposal for constructing by-passes for Hubli, Kanakpura, Hospet, and other major cities in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.State Government has sought one-time financial assistance from Planning Commission of Rs. 516 crore for development of 38 State Roads of Economic Importance around Bangalore City.

(b) The State Government has proposed for four-laning of the National Highway between Bijapur and Hospet on NH-13.However, Union Government has not approved the proposal.

(c) In Annual Plan 2005-06 provision has been made for carrying out Feasibility Study/Detailed Project Report for the by- passes namely Hospet, Bellary, Moodabidri, Kanakpura and Hubli. The status of these by-passes is enclosed as Statement.

Status of road development in Bangalore

Sl. No	Place	Status
1.	Hospet	The proposal of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) to be considered alongwith DPR for 4 laning of Bijapur-Hospet section of NH-13.
2.	Bellary	The bids for preparation of DPR have been invited by the State PWD.
3.	Moodabidri	State PWD has been asked to modify Terms of Reference (ToR) and invite bids for preparation of DPR.
4.	Kanakpura	Bids for preparation of DPR have been invited and are under evaluation with the State PWD.
5.	Hubli	Work of consultancy for preparation of DPR awarded recently.

Detention of Indian Ships

2537. SHRI EKANATH K.THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 11Indian ships were detained abroad in the first eight months of calendar year 2005;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to this, an increasing number of Indian ships is coming under the scanner of the International Port of State Control (PSC) agencies; and

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigations regarding the detention of ships?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government